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Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" Which is a question of fact, Sir ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" That there was no man who was responsible for carrying out the objects for which the funds are asked for."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" The hon. the Minister is an Indian, Sir. May I ask him whether an ex-Advocate-General and other prominent Indians are people who cannot be trusted to carry out the objects for which funds are being asked ? I am surprised."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" It is merely a subjective phenomena of the Government or are there grounds for arriving at the conclusion ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I do not think a question can be addressed in that manner. I have already once given my ruling that it must rest entirely with the Government whether they will give any reason for any action of theirs which is the subject of a question : if they decline to give a reason, they cannot be pressed to state why they decline to furnish a reason."

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI :—" May I ask if it is the policy of the Government to prohibit local bodies from contributing to institutions associated or connected with private organizations ? "

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The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" It does not follow from the answers given. It is not the policy of the Government to prohibit any local body from giving any grant to any institution associated or connected with private organizations."

Education.

Pay of teachers under local boards.

* 322 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the scheme abolishing capitation allowance by raising the pay of teachers adequately was given effect to by local boards and municipalities from April 1923 ;

(b) what are the local bodies that did not give effect to it ;

(c) what are the local bodies that did not give at least an equal amount (of capitation allowance) as promotion ;

(d) how many local bodies are adopting the scale of pay as fixed in the Government Order ;

(e) what are the steps taken by Government to compel local bodies to adopt the scale ;

(f) whether Government are not paying to these local bodies contributions calculated according to the scale of pay prescribed in the Government Order ; and

(g) if Government have no information, whether they will be pleased to call for the same ?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The system of payment of capitation allowance has been abolished by all local boards and municipalities except four. The pay of teachers has been raised either by the grant of a compensatory allowance or by the introduction of a revised scale of pay except in these four local bodies. The local

bodies that have not adequately raised the pay of the teachers in consequence of the abolition of the capitation allowance are the following :—

Local bodies.	Municipalities.
(1) Salem.	(1) Rajahmundry.
(2) Kanigiri.	(2) Peddapur.

It is however reported that the Taluk Board, Salem, is arranging to enhance the pay of its teachers.—

(*d*), (*e*), (*f*) & (*g*) It is not clear to which Government Order reference is made.

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" Do the Government propose to take any action as regards the four local bodies ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" They will be allowed to consider the question and adjust their finances."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" If they do not, will the Government take steps to insist upon them ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" It is very difficult to take any drastic action against any local body because it is local self-government."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" Subject to Government grant. When Government grants are largely given, they should be charitable or forced to pay more to their subordinates."

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" Unless they have very seriously disobeyed their orders, the Government will be reluctant to interfere with their discretion. But if they fail to discharge their duty after warning, then necessary steps will be taken."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" I wish to know whether any warning has been given ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" The attention of the local bodies has been drawn to the necessity of attending to the salaries of teachers."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" Followed by any warning ? "

Admission of depressed classes in elementary schools under public management.

*323 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of elementary schools run by public bodies in the Presidency according to the latest statistics obtained by the Government ;

(*b*) the number of elementary schools out of the total number of schools under public management in the Presidency in which the members of the depressed classes are admitted freely ; and

(*c*) if the Government have no information whether they will call for the information ?